









## MAKING A TEST CASE

Harry Davis Sues the City of Macon for \$10,000 Damages.

## NOT ALLOWED TO REGISTER

The Presbyterian Synod Meets Today. The Formation of a New One Is To Be Considered.

Macon, Ga., November 19.—(Special.)—Suits for \$10,000 damages have been begun in the city court by Mr. Harry Davis against the city board of registrars, in order to test the constitutionality of the registration law requiring payment of a stamp tax as a prerequisite for registering for an election.

In the petition Mr. Davis sets forth that he was several times refused the privilege of registering Saturday by being denied the oath when demanded. He claims that under no condition have the registrars the right to refuse the oath, and in being thus disfranchised as he was Saturday from a right given him under the constitution of the United States he believes that he has been damaged in the sum of \$10,000, and that he is entitled to recover that sum as a prerequisite for registering for an election.

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## KEEP OUT OF ROME

Sensational Papers Are To Be Put Under the Ban.

## TOO SEVERE ON THE HILL CITY

The Correspondents Are Not Known and the Council Takes Hold of the Matter.

Rome, Ga., November 19.—(Special.)—A breezy sensation has been sprung by the city council by resolutions passed last night in regard to the dissemination of sensational papers.

A committee was appointed to draft an ordinance prohibiting the sale of The Kansas City Sun and other sensational papers within the corporate limits of Rome.

The causes which have led to this action on the part of the council were the appearance of frequent sensational articles concerning the most prominent people of Rome, which have appeared in The Sun recently derogatory to Rome people.

Efforts to find the authors of these articles have proved unavailing and now the council has adopted more stringent methods to prevent the circulation of the objectionable papers.

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The remains were laid to rest with Masonic honors in Myrtle Hill cemetery this afternoon at 2 o'clock. A large number of friends attended the funeral.

Off to Elberton. All the Methodist preachers of the Rome district for the next week are to attend a conference. The first Methodist church report will show the congregation entirely out of debt and in a flourishing condition, as are all the churches in the district.

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## NOT WOMAN'S DIBLE

Mrs. Stanton and Her Collaborators Are Criticized.

## WHAT PARSON DUFFIELD SAYS

Views of Mrs. Rachel Foster Avery and Mrs. Ella Dietz Clymer—Misleading and Misapprehended.

From The Detroit Free Press. William Carson, chairman of the curio committee of the Masonic fair, has in his possession a copy of The London Times, dated June 18, 1815, containing an official news from the duke of Wellington of the battle of Waterloo. It is the property of Frederick H. Holt, of the Michigan University, and is a very valuable relic from a college chum, who bought it in an old curiosity shop in London ten years ago.

The paper is interesting in itself as showing the status of London journalism at that time. It is only a small folio of four wide columns to a page, but remarkably clearly printed.

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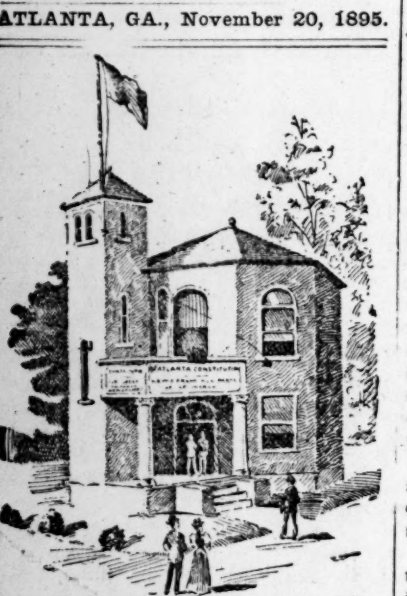
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## Moving Along.

What with the fine weather and the really extraordinary character of the big show that has been provided for the public the exposition may now be said to be on a boom. The crowds are large and growing larger every day, the people taking advantage of the remarkably low rates offered by the railroads. They are coming from all parts of the country and, as we said the other day, every one who comes goes away a walking advertisement for the exposition.

The first month was neither satisfactory nor promising. Although the directors had done their part by having the buildings ready at the appointed day and hour, the exhibitors were behind-hand in filling the space they had contracted for. Consequently on the opening day and for two or three weeks afterwards affairs seemed to be in a chaotic state.

This was, of course, expected by those who are experienced in such matters, but as usual it was something of a disappointment to that part of the public which made it a point to visit the grounds while the exposition was settling down to business.

So the word went forth that the show was far from complete and the attendance fell off. With this, too, a rumor went forth and was spread far and wide that our hotel men and lodging-house keepers had claws with which they proposed to gouge an innocent public. How false and unfounded this rumor was time has shown, for board and lodging were never cheaper in Atlanta than they have been during the past three months. But the report did damage for a little while and during that little while the exposition was losing money.

But all this is a thing of the past. The people were not long in discovering that every force, energy and interest of Atlanta was united to make the exposition a success. They found that everything was bent or bending toward that end. They found, moreover, that the exposition itself is one of the most remarkable shows that have ever been organized in the country, no matter from what standpoint it is viewed—whether as an educational display or as a collection of industrial exhibits displaying the world's progress in various important lines.

Remembering the early days of the exposition, when the public seemed inclined to hold aloof, and comparing them with the crowds that are now seen upon the grounds, we think the people will unite with us in congratulating the managers on the conspicuous success that has been achieved in the face of the most serious obstacles.

It is a sort of family matter, but it will interest the people to know that the directors of the exposition, besides pay-

ing the running expenses of the exposition, have been able to retire 50 per cent of the \$300,000 of bonds by means of which the great show was made a possibility. This is a very gratifying result indeed, and if the attendance holds the average that it has recently held the managers of the fair will not only be able to redeem all their outstanding bonds but will have a comfortable reserve fund in addition.

Since we are speaking of the financial affairs of the exposition it may be well to call attention to the fact that never before in the history of such affairs has so great a show been organized and carried out with so small an amount of ready capital. When we compare the scope and extent of the exposition with the amount of money that has been expended on it the result seems little short of the marvelous.

And yet, in lieu of the ready cash, the exposition has had behind it at all times the pluck, energy and unconquerable unity of Atlanta. Perhaps that is the secret of the whole business after all.

## A Good Bill To Kill.

In reference to a bill now before the legislature, whose purpose is to change the method of compensating the officials of this county, The Constitution's position cannot be misunderstood. We oppose this proposed legislation because we do not think it right that Fulton county should be singled out and placed upon a different plane, with reference to the compensation of its officials and other matters pertaining thereto, from all the other counties of this state.

The bill was voted down in the house committee on county matters and then referred to the general judiciary committee at the request of its author. That gentleman then called a public mass meeting, which opposed his bill and asked him to withdraw it.

The author of the measure will find very few people who sustain his position in so far as this matter of discrimination goes—this singling out Fulton county and making what would be an invidious and vicious distinction. To those who see no objection in a bill providing for salaries of county officials and covering every county in the state, there must still be opposition to a bill which is aimed at Fulton county alone and leaves the other counties under their old fee system.

Legislation should be uniform and should not be for or against any class or locality. This bill applies to only one set of officials in a single county.

Under the circumstances, the best thing for the author to do with his bill is to withdraw it. The house committee's unanimous vote shows that the legislature is against it. Our home people have sat down upon it with overwhelming weight and emphasis and a majority of the representatives from this county oppose the change because it makes an unjust and unreasonable discrimination against the county—eliminating entirely the fee question as a general proposition and viewing the matter simply in the light of justice between the different counties of the state.

There is a way, if the people want it, to abolish the fee system and provide for the payment of reasonable salaries to the officials of every county. But the change cannot be made by jumping on Fulton and letting the other counties alone.

The author ought, in view of these facts, to withdraw the bill.

## The American Spirit.

We believe in America for Americans and we claim for Americans every naturalized foreigner and every foreigner's son among us who identifies himself with our people and is in sympathy with our institutions no matter what his religious faith may be.

This is in accordance with the spirit of genuine Americanism. To proscribe a good citizen because he is of foreign birth, or foreign parentage, or because of his religious faith, would be un-American and un-Christian.

When the fathers of our republic framed our constitution they carefully guarded the rights of conscience and free speech. They knew that the American nation was made up of people from every land and they foresaw that in the course of time the oppressed of every country would seek shelter under our flag. Their policy was both wise and just. Under it we have grown prosperous and powerful, and among the bravest and best of Americans will be found thousands of Europeans and their children who cast their lot with us. Many of this class of citizens are Roman Catholics, but they are standing shoulder to shoulder with their protestant neighbors, sharing their burdens, fighting their battles, rejoicing in their good fortune, comforting them in their sorrows, upbuilding and uplifting the republic and never uttering a disloyal word or doing a disloyal act.

To say that these people are our enemies because they or their fathers came from another country and honestly hold religious views which differ from ours would be bigoted and narrow in the extreme.

To organize against them to prevent them from holding office in a government which is as much theirs as ours would be un-American and unjust. To arouse a prejudice against them which would injure them in their business and make it difficult for them to obtain employment would be un-Christian. In a small, mean, petty way it would be imitating the Turkish persecution of the Christians with its more barbarous features left out. If a secret, oath-bound society should be organized to take part in our politics with a view to proscribing and virtually ostracizing our Roman Catholic fellow citizens, or the followers of any religious faith, or any class of law-abiding and loyal foreigners among us, such a society should be condemned and opposed by every true American.

Naturally we cannot hold these opinions and in so doing encourage or incite the American Protective Association. We predict for that society a very brief career. In some localities it will stir up strife and bad feeling in many communities. But in a short time the people

will lose patience with it. It does not suit Americans to persecute their neighbors, and the great majority will resent the methods and principles of the A. P. A. and show them under a shower of bullets.

A few years from now every citizen who has ever been connected with this society will deny it or explain or apologize for its folly.

It takes a good citizen to be a broad-minded American.

## Let the Controversy Go On.

The controversy begun by Mr. Norcross some years ago, when he and his friends were anxious to form a white republican party in Georgia, has been renewed by ex-Governor Bullock, who is of the opinion that his party would have more weight if it excluded the obnoxious colored element from its councils.

The proposition of Mr. Norcross raised quite a tempest in a teapot. It aroused the wrath of J. E. Bryant, who at that time occupied the position in the party that Colonel Buck occupies. Bryant fulminated and some of the colored brethren gave him what may be figuratively described as their "moral support."

Now that ex-Governor Bullock has shouldered Mr. Norcross's position, with some modifications, he finds himself the target of Colonel Buck and some of the more ardent colored brethren, and quite a family row is threatened. The controversy is interesting but not important. A party must have voters as well as leaders and we do not see where the republican organization can get the former if the negro element is to go unrecruited. On the other hand it may be said that the republican party so far as Georgia is concerned is already a party without voters. It has no political meaning here and no coherence. The negroes no longer vote with it to any extent. They have other fish to fry and quite other affairs to look after.

Once every four years the white leaders, rustic crowd, call together a comically chaotic state convention and proceed to have themselves and those they can use selected as delegates to the republican national convention, and that is the end of the matter so far as the party is concerned. If the republicans are successful the white leaders will get the fat offices and the colored brethren get the goose.

It is all so comically simple that it is hardly worth while considering in cold and serious type. There is no white republican party in Georgia, and if there is a colored republican party it fails most miserably to make a showing.

Meanwhile, let the controversy proceed.

## Strong Words for Georgia.

Georgia Day was a glorious success. That it was Georgia Day in reality as well as in name was everywhere evident—on the crowded trains that reached the city in the morning; about the depot constantly filled to the overflowing stage; on the railroad trains, the electric cars, the herds and all other conveyances headed toward Piedmont park, and especially, of course, at the exposition grounds. It was not only a splendid crowd numerically, but it was a remarkably fine crowd in its personnel—a gathering of representative Georgians.

The exercises in the auditorium were an thorough keeping with the occasion. The short but eloquent welcoming speech of Senator Beeks, who presided; the ringing addresses of President Venable, Speaker Fleming and Hon. A. H. Cox and the other exercises that completed the programme were all appropriate.

The speeches were full of patriotism and the true Georgia feeling. President Venable eloquently reflected the spirit of the occasion in his graphic reference to two pictures—object lessons—presented by the exposition. The first of these was Floyd county's bale of cotton—grown in the soil of the ground to the crop packed and weighed—showing the great natural resources and diversified interests of this single county and therefore, at the same time, of the entire state. The other was the lesson in the forestry building, where the process of reclaiming apparently barren lands is shown. Both of these are indeed interesting lessons and they speak eloquently—the one of what the farmers of the state are doing, the other of still further possibilities.

It will not do to pass over the newspaper reports of exercises that took place at the exposition with the idea that the speeches are purely formal and without force. There are many interesting things being said at these exercises and the speeches almost invariably lead to a better understanding of the great exposition and what it means.

Judge Crisp and the Goldbugs. It seems, according to our Washington dispatch of yesterday, that the goldbugs, backed by the administration, are preparing to punish Judge Crisp because he has had the temerity to preach unadulterated democratic doctrine in Georgia.

No telegram from Washington was necessary to convey the information that the adherents of the British gold standard are up in arms against the distinguished Georgian on account of his bold avowal of democratic principles; but the details of the telegram are immensely interesting. It seems that the advocates of the British gold standard are not only disturbed by Judge Crisp's democratic speech but they have been so disgruntled that they are now taking such measures as they find available to prevent him from receiving the caucus nomination of the democrats in the house for the speakership.

In itself the nomination is an empty honor, since Reed will be made speaker by the republican majority, but it carries with it the recognition of the nominee as the leader of the democratic party in the house, and this is what the advocates of the British gold standard are anxious to prevent. Backing them is the administration which was recently "vindicated" in half a dozen states by rousing republican victories.

We agree with our correspondent that the movement against Judge Crisp will fail most disastrously, but the fight against him on account of his democratic

will be a very pretty test and may have a much more important bearing on the future of politics in the south than a casual observer might suppose.

If Judge Crisp, in his speech before the legislature, had embraced John Sherman's views—if he had lauded republican financial doctrines—if he had endorsed the republican legislation demonetizing silver—no man would stand higher with the advocates of the British gold standard, with the administration and with the echoing cuckoos. They would have rushed to his support. But now that he has come out squarely in behalf of the principles for which the party has been contending ever since the demonetization of silver was discovered they propose to do all in their power to humiliate him.

The important thing about this is that the advocates of the British gold standard are about to wake up the wrong passenger. Judge Crisp is stronger intellectually and has more available resources than the strongest of the gold advocates. We doubt if there is an other man in the country better able to successfully withstand and overcome such an assault as the advocates of the British gold standard are preparing to make on him. Through him they are contemplating an attack on the democratic party of the south.

A Crowded City. A glance at the streets of Atlanta these days makes it evident that we have a host of visitors here, and even when the crowd at Exposition park runs up into scores of thousands we still have a throng in the city through the day and night.

Monday night was the red letter night in theatricals, not only in Atlanta but doubtless for the south. There were thousands of people out at the exposition, and yet here in town the places of public instruction and amusement were never so largely attended. The Moody tabernacle drew about 3,000 people; the Grand, with "A Fatal Card," seated probably 2,800 and turned hundreds away; the Columbia, with its first production in America of the new opera, "The Patriots," had 1,500; the Lyceum, with "Tribby," had 1,200; the Trocadero, with its specialty bill, had 1,000—all of these drawing their full capacity; the Casino and other amusements had 500, and besides these places there were two public meetings with at least 500 persons present. The grand total gives an indication of the number of exposition visitors.

When, in addition to these figures, the vast number of persons who remain in the hotel houses, boarding houses or lodging houses, and the thousands who were tempted by the delightful weather to walk and ride are considered, it will be seen that the crowd of strangers in the city is so large that it baffles computation.

The crowds are here and they are growing bigger every day. The thousands who return home tell their neighbors about the great exposition with its marvelous attractions, and other thousands come. From now on until the gates of the exposition close we may expect armies of visitors, increasing in number each day.

Atlanta bids them all welcome.

## As Others See Us.

There is no too much to say that the recent visit of Chicago's leading citizens to Atlanta has done more than any other one thing to restore closer and more fraternal relations between the sections.

Our visitors have expressed themselves freely since they left Atlanta and a summary of their opinions cannot fail to interest everybody.

Governor Altgeld says that the Chicagoans discovered on their trip that sectional prejudice is a myth. They found the south keeping well up in the march of progress, with the evidences of thriving industries everywhere. The north and south now exist only in a geographical sense.

Mayor Swift, of Chicago, shares the governor's sentiments and calls for better railway facilities to bring Chicago nearer the south. He says that the south is a mine of wealth, only waiting for capital to develop it.

Mr. W. H. Harper, on whose shoulders fell the burden of arranging the excursion and transporting 1,200 people through the south, sees only a bright future for Dixie's land. He says that the trip will turn the eyes of the world to the south and her resources.

Mr. Ferd W. Peck, who is president of the Chicago Southern States Association, is enthusiastic. He says: "The very atmosphere in Atlanta reminds a Chicagoan of his own city in the push and drive noticeable in the streets. The exposition, which is the best illustration of the enterprise, is a marvel, and in comparing the resources at the command of Atlanta and the business conditions of the country, it is my judgment that it is equal to our own great Columbian exposition. In August the cotton factories remind one of being among the busy manufacturing cities of New England. At Chattanooga the industry and prosperity of the people can be seen in every direction. There is, indeed, a new south."

Bishop Fallows found in the south a passionate devotion to the old flag, a happy and contented laboring class and pleasant relations between the two races.

Judge Kohlsaat was delighted with the southern cities and with the people. He says that Chicago's civilians and soldiers will never forget their cordial reception.

Mr. Erasmus Foote is confident that better railway facilities between the two sections and the development of our manufactures will make the south a great country.

Mr. G. H. Hoyle says: "The principal resource of the south will be the growth of cotton. Manufacturers are lacking and capital is needed to develop the natural resources of the country. If Chicago could get reasonable rates the south would be greatly benefited. Capital is also needed so that small land owners may get on their feet and then produce crops which will be profitable to themselves."

George W. Matthews was struck with the intense nationalism of the southerners. "A fraternal feeling is rapidly supplanting the old sectionalism," said he. Mr. Higginbotham, president of the world's fair directors, voices the sentiments of the Chicago tourists in the following:

"The people of Atlanta are certainly a wonderful people. Their exposition is a wonder. It is a marvel of beauty and commercial and industrial displays, which reflect the highest credit, not only on Atlanta but on the entire south. Think of a city of 100,000 inhabitants, of whom 25,000 are negroes, accomplishing a feat such as that, and with comparatively little aid from the government. For Atlanta had to raise nearly all the money necessary to put the enterprise on its feet by herself. When you contemplate what a task it was it was really wonderful."

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He adds that the exposition will open the eyes of the northern people to the growth of the south and will result in further investments here, developing our unlimited resources.

Messrs. Thomas B. Bryan, President of the Illinois Central; E. J. Nally, Walter H. Wilson, William E. O'Neill, H. H. Gross, F. D. Higbee, T. R. Jenkins, C. F. Gunther, W. A. Alexander, William P. Williams and Robert Givens all talk in the same way and urge the importance of more reasonable freight rates between Chicago and the southern states. All bear testimony to southern loyalty, thrift and enterprise.

When the fact is borne in mind that these men are the leaders of Chicago's official, legal, judicial, business and financial circles, embracing also the world's fair directors, it will be evident that the visit of these distinguished citizens is, to use the language of one of their speakers, an epoch-making event. It will bring Atlanta and the south more prominently before the world, connect the two sections closer together in a business and in a social way. Atlanta will not soon forget her warm-hearted and appreciative guests.

Good for Recorder Goff. The other day when an assistant district attorney applied to Recorder Goff, in New York, for an order to remove a prisoner to police headquarters so that his picture could be taken for the rogues' gallery, the application was refused.

The prisoner was a suspected person and was held in custody pending a search for evidence against him. Recorder Goff, in refusing the motion, said:

"Such a thing as you ask is a shameful trespass on the rights of the citizen. Every man is presumed to be innocent until proven guilty. If this man was acquitted of the charge it would be an outrage on him and he would have his picture in the rogues' gallery. This practice has been condoned too long, and I shall stop it as far as I am concerned."

We are glad to see that The Sun in New York is ruling. It comments as follows:

The exercise of compulsion to oblige accused persons to have their pictures taken has been denounced in England as unlawful, and there is no doubt that it is a wholly unwarrantable abuse of power. The case is different so far as convicts are concerned. The recorder is entirely right in denouncing a practice which can only be justified when applied to convicted criminals.

In many cities the police and the detectives are allowed too much freedom. They resort to unlawful practices and the higher officials allow them to have their own way when they are clearly in the wrong. Recorder Goff is on the right line.

There is no complaint in the neighborhood of Washington that Speaker Crisp has lost his voice.

The entire administration will have to make a tour of Georgia if it hopes to destroy the effect of Judge Crisp's democratic speech. And even then the effort would fall short.

Editor Watterson proposes to go abroad and write a life of Lincoln. This will be much better than staying at home and writing republican editorials for a democratic newspaper.

It is said that we are to have a short session of congress. We always have short sessions on paper.

Chicago resents the idea that cheap newspapers make cheap editors.

As soon as Editor Medill found that his republican Tribune was worth only a cent a copy, he sold it to the Chicago Herald.

The constitution is worth 10 cents a copy every day in the year, but we charge only 50 c.

Turkey still holds the fort.

## EDITORIAL COMMENT.

H. S. Fitzgerald, aged forty-seven, of Harrisburg, Pa., gave an exhibition Wednesday night before the students of the Columbia medical college, Washington D. C. He can dislocate at will any joint in his body from his little toe to his spinal column, and has absolute control over the muscles of the human body. He has been a medical college for about twenty-seven years, and during the winter months has a permanent engagement with the Bellevue medical college of New York, and also appears at the Vanderbilt clinics. Muscles that physicians have hitherto been unable to reach he brought into plain view and action. Ligaments so deep in the flesh that they could only be reached with a carving knife were brought into action apparently just under the skin.

Says The New York Mercury: A wave of unparalyzed crime and violence has swept over the city, which includes almost every offense in the calendar. Murders of the most brutal sort take place daily, almost under the noses of the police. Robbery has ceased to excite wonder, because of its almost hourly frequency. There is not a street in the city where the pedestrian can feel safe after dark, so many victims has the modern Claude Duval claimed. It is a veritable reign of terror that has begun. It dated from the murder of Richard Pope. Since then every criminal has broken loose, believing in his immunity from detection.

The idea cultivated by the Spanish authorities that free Cuba would mean another black republic like San Domingo is the worst of mistakes. It is not true. Not more than one-tenth of the population of 2,000,000 is African. About three-fourths is white and the remainder of mixed blood. But if all the inhabitants of Cuba were black they would be justified in rising against the tyranny and rapacity which are the sum total of Spanish rule in the unhappy island.

Henry Clews figures out that the people of this country have spent not less than \$50,000,000 on bicycles during the last four years. He looks for a serious break in the price of wheels, due to increased competition; but as wheels are not carried on margin, Wall street will not be affected in the least.

"The Only New Poet." From The Augusta Chronicle. In his recent lecture here Bob Burdette paid a beautiful tribute to Frank Stanton, saying that he was the only new poet.

## JUST FROM GEORGIA.

## A Don't Care Citizen.

Don't care how the cotton sells—  
 "Takin' of my cotton" is the  
 Where the music of the bells  
 Jingles on the breeze.

Don't care how the country goes—  
 Roamin' far an' free;  
 In the woods there blooms a rose  
 Red an' sweet for me!

Don't care how the cities roll—  
 Thunderin' along!  
 Streak o' sunshine in my soul  
 Twinklin' into song!

Don't care where my life is led—  
 Still it's honey-sweet,  
 Blue sky smilin' overhead—  
 Green earth at my feet!

—Frank L. Stanton.

## Cause for Thankfulness.

Let us be thankful when we eat—  
 Though skies be sad and murky—  
 That though we still love turkey meat,  
 We do not live in Turkey!

The Thanksgiving poets are out in full force and all hungry.

## The Georgia Hunter.

He walks in the darkened woodlands,  
 Nor cares if the world be sad;  
 With the foot of a graveyard rambler  
 And the yelp of a lone, lean hound.

A western exchange criticizes Ed Barrett's magazine article on "Japanned Tinware"; but, nevertheless, the eastern critics speak in high terms of it. It will be followed by another to be called "The Break in China."

## "Out of Sight."

Winter time in Georgia!  
 'An't it out o' sight?  
 All the fiddles playin'  
 An' the fire's blazin' bright!

Nothin' in the summertime  
 Equals half its joys;  
 "Balance to yer partners!"  
 "Swing yer sweethearts, boys!"

## And the Clerk Wilted.

They are telling a good story on a Montezuma clerk. In conversation with a farmer recently, the clerk, noticing a lady at a distance, said:

"That woman looks as if she might bite a nail in two."

"Yes," replied the farmer.

"Got a jaw on her like a vise!"

"Yes."

"Keeps it going all the time, as if there wasn't any such thing as an eight-hour law."

"Yes."

"Got a bonnet 'on that looks as if it might be a sign for a vegetable gardener?"

"Yes."

"Got a complexion like a slab of tanbark?"

"Yes."

"Looks as if her temper would sour milk just from the cow?"

"Yes."

"Got clothes on that look like they'd been made out of last year's circus posters?"

"Exactly."

"Who is she?"

"The farmer got up to get a better look before committing himself."

"She's a Jay from Jay's Cross Roads, ain't she?" said, with a laugh as he sat down again.

"Who is she?"

"Oh, she's my wife. Let me take you over and introduce you!"

## General Neal Dow on the Maine Prohibition Law.

Editor Constitution—I appeal to you again to give me an opportunity to state more fully than I did in a former communication what the condition is of prohibition in Maine, and what good has resulted from it. A friend in Atlanta has sent me a slip from The Constitution containing your reply to my former article, with the wish that I would state at some length what the Maine law has really accomplished. Though very busy just now, I will devote some time to the matter, that the good people of your great state may know what absolute prohibition of the liquor traffic has done for Maine, though the law is imperfect, and though some parts of the state, I do this the more willingly because The Constitution desires that facts only touching this matter may appear in its columns. I have no hesitations in saying that the Maine law, in its effect on the country respectable newspapers abound with statements of the "effect of prohibition in Maine," which have no foundation whatever in fact. I will give you, to the best of my ability, a true and complete statement of the Maine law, and in a few words as possible.

Before the adoption in Maine of the policy of prohibition of the liquor traffic, the state was undoubtedly the poorest in the union. The entire value of all its property of every sort was spent and wasted in drink in every period of twenty years, as it is in the nation now in every period of the five years. Everywhere throughout the state were grog shops and country groceries, with liquors of all kinds, the largest and most important part of their stocks in trade. There was no village or crossroads so remote or insignificant that the liquor traffic did not find it and establish a rum shop there. Maine had two principal sources of revenue, the liquor trade and fisheries. These were carried on upon a large scale, the markets for both being the West India Islands. The returns were mostly rum and molasses, the latter to be converted into New England rum, all for home consumption. The state was not a dollar the richer for all this great industry, because nearly the whole of its products were poured down the throats of the people in the shape of rum. The rum-drinking habit was almost universal among all people of all classes.

Some of the Maine law resolved to change all that by enlightening the public mind as to the inevitable results of the liquor traffic—poverty, pauperism, misery, wretchedness and crime, more mischief to the state and more suffering to the people coming from it than from all other sources of evil combined; at the same time that no good to the state was to be gained whatever























